

STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Guests: Samantha McCabe (Ubyyssey), Emily Gubski (President's Assistant), Filza Raza (Elections Administrator), Cristina Initchi (VP External-elect), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with Jakob Gattinger in the chair.

The Chair asked if there were any objections to suspending the Code section requiring roll call votes.

... No objections

1. MOVED POOJA BHATTI, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM:

"That the agenda be adopted as presented."

2. MOVED SALLY LIN, SECONDED MAX HOLMES:

"That the Our Turn placeholder motion be struck from the agenda."

... No objections

3. MOVED POOJA BHATTI, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM:

"That the agenda be adopted as amended."

... No objections

B) Membership: Introductions, new members, declaration of vacancies:

Welcome to our new Members:

Vacancies on Council: Audiology, Dentistry, Journalism, Population & Public Health, Social Work, St. Mark's, GSS (3), Regent

Goodbyes: Eric Ottenbacher (GSS)

C) Speaker's Business & Land Acknowledgement (5 minutes):

The Chair acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the ancestral lands of the Musqueam people, adding that we are honoured to be using these lands.

The Chair reminded committee chairs to submit their meeting agendas as discussed at the last Council meeting.

D) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):

E) Consent Agenda Items

4. MOVED CAMERON ENGLAND, SECONDED MAX HOLMES:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

Executive Committee minutes dated March 9, 2018	[SCD298-18]
Executive Committee minutes dated March 16, 2018	[SCD299-18]
AMS Council minutes dated February 7, 2018	[SCD300-18]
Finance Committee minutes dated September 26, 2017	[SCD301-18]
Finance Committee minutes dated October 24, 2017	[SCD302-18]
Finance Committee minutes dated November 7, 2017	[SCD303-18]
Finance Committee minutes dated November 21, 2017	[SCD304-18]
Finance Committee minutes dated January 24, 2018	[SCD305-18]
Finance Committee minutes dated February 27, 2018	[SCD306-18]
Finance Committee minutes dated March 7, 2018	[SCD307-18]
Finance Committee minutes dated March 14, 2018	[SCD308-18]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated October 4, 2017	[SCD309-18]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated October 18, 2017	[SCD310-18]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated November 1, 2017	[SCD311-18]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated November 24, 2017	[SCD312-18]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated January 11, 2018	[SCD313-18]
Advocacy Committee minutes dated March 1, 2018	[SCD314-18]

... No objections

F) Presentations to Council and Accompanying Motions (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute ? period):

G) Consultation Period

H) Appointments

I) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Alan Ehrenholz (read by Pooja Bhatti)

- Working on MBA Society MoU.
- Faculty Cup debrief.
- UBC meeting re Capital Priorities.
- All Presidents Dinner and Just Desserts.
- Interviewing for Marketing/Communications position.
- First Year Committee event.
- Health & Dental Plan Committee looking at money.
- I built another wall (as part of Storm the Wall).
- Our team came second by seconds in Storm the Wall, losing to Dentistry.

J) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

VP Academic & University Affairs – Max Holmes

- Sitting on UBC’s Naming Committee.

- Working with UBC on Healthy Beverages initiative.
- First meeting for the Sexual Violence Advisory Committee: productive.
- UBC's Capital Priority workshop:
 - I expressed the need for more student representation.
 - Worried there are no students on the working group.
- Senate meeting was cancelled, which is a concern: I wrote an article about it.
- First meeting on Policy 73 for disabled students: productive.
 - Discussion about the title of the policy.
- AMS/GSS/VPS meeting on the Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Office (SVPRO).
- Interviewing for next year's staff.

VP Administration – Pooja Bhatti

- Club elections and orientations. Chris Hakim attended.
- Just Desserts: shout-out to Joanne, who organized it.
- All-Presidents Dinner.
- Constituency Handbook.
- Toured the Old SUB – looks cooler, stuff is being built.
- Student Life and Sustainability Centre closing when exams start.
- Art Gallery: new signage arrived.
 - New show “At Eye Level.”
- My staff is meeting with Chris Hakim.
- Reviewed two SEEDS projects.
- Working with my AVP on the Lighter Footprint Strategy – brainstorming a new name for it.

VP External Affairs – Sally Lin

- Met with UBC and the GSS re rapid transit: the Millennium Line expansion along Broadway.
 - Phase 1 funding has been approved to Arbutus.
 - We're advocating for Phase 2 (to extend the line to UBC).
- AMS Housing Fair with Student Legal Fund Society.
- There will be an “Our Turn” motion coming to the next meeting.
 - That will be a better time for revisiting our sexual violence policy.
 - The landscape has changed.
- Working on an International Students ePetition in partnership with other student societies.
 - Want to send it to the House of Commons.
 - Need 500 signatures to force a government response.
 - Looking at a “work to citizenship” plan.

Muse Greenwood:

- Where can we find more information about the ePetition?

Sally Lin:

- The University of Waterloo students association has it online.
- I will put the link and summary and lobby briefs on the AMS Facebook page.

Andy Lin:

- Which organization is doing this?

Sally Lin:

- The Undergraduates of Canadian Research-Intensive Universities (UCRU).

VP Finance – Alim Lakhiyalov

- Hiring new team, transitioning with Kuol.
- Working with current Finance team to produce transition report.
- New budget with Kuol.
- Reviewed investment portfolio.
- Budget review with CiTR.
- Invoice for Empower Me: half is paid by UBC.

5. **MOVED ALIM LAKHIYALOV, SECONDED MAX HOLMES:**

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion under Committee Motions to allow a 5% increase in the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan.”

... No objections

Student Services Manager – Marium Hamid

- Hiring, hiring, hiring.
- Interviewing for the Services.
- Close to hiring the new Student Services Manager, who will start before I move on, so we'll have two Managers in April.
- Increased Safewalk coverage for Block Party.
- Data analytic system is up and running.
- Canadian Mental Health survey questions have been finalized.
- Transitions.

Managing Director – Keith Hester

- Brewfest was last night – lots of people went.
- Block Party – 4,100 tickets sold.
- Slacklining event postponed until September due to insurance issues.
- Working on budgets for next year.
- Lots of hiring.
- Looking at a new Point of Sale system.
- There will be a motion coming on insurance renewal.
- Executive orientations.
- Extra teams from Safewalk at Block Party; also a SASC Safe Zone.

K) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Steering Committee – Alan Ehrenholz (via Pooja Bhatti)

- No quorum.

Advocacy Committee – Sally Lin

- Policies coming.

HR Committee – Wendy Guo

- We are meeting next week.
- Send in your job descriptions.

Operations Committee – Pooja Bhatti

- Finished redrafting Policy I-7 on building expulsions, and it's been sent Legal.
 - Want to bring it to the last Council meeting.
- C&S Working Group – club winners chosen for All Presidents Dinner.
- All candidates from the past election need to take down their election posters: the election is finished.
- Our Lighter Footprint working group is working on revising the Lighter Footprint Strategy.

Governance Committee – Chris Hakim

- Two Code changes coming.
- Working on election recommendations, but these may have to come from the next Governance Committee.

Student Life Committee – Lorenzo Lindo

- Looking at goals.

Brewery Committee – Jakob Gattinger

- No update.

SHAPE Committee – Alan Ehrenholz (via Pooja Bhatti)

- Options for the sale of artwork discussed.

Health & Dental Plan Committee – Alim Lakhiyalov

- Passed new fee.
- Reviewed Empower Me.
- Reviewing services we offer compared to other schools.

New SUB Committee – Pooja Bhatti

- No update.

L) Report from Presidents Council (2 minutes):

Alan Ehrenholz (via Pooja Bhatti):

- There will be a discussion on Constituency elections at the next meeting.

M) Board of Governors, Senate, Ombudsperson & Historical Update Reports (2 minutes each):

Board of Governors – Kevin Doering & Jeanie Malone

- Board meetings coming up: both committees and full Board.
- Opening of the Indian Residential School Dialogue Centre.
- April 10th Indigenous apology.

Senate – Jaymi Booth

- The last Senate meeting was cancelled.

- The next meeting is April 18.

Ombudsperson – Waged Jafer

- Away.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb

- Today there's a motion on the agenda to bring back Constituency reports.
- Not the first time the AMS has brought something back:
 - In the late 1970's the AMS did away with campus-wide elections for President and the rest of the Executive.
 - Instead, it was Council that chose the Executive.
 - But after about five years the system of campus-wide elections was restored.

Chris Hakim:

- Why did they give up on Council choosing the Executive?

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- There had been a number of changes that they reversed all together.
- They had created a bicameral system and put all the Student Senators on Council.
- It was very unwieldy.
- As to why specifically they gave up on Council choosing the Executive, I can check on that for next time.

N) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

O) Executive Committee Motions:

P) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

Q) Committee Motions:

6. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED SARAH PARK: [SCD315-18]

From the Governance Committee

“That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2018: Restoring Constituency Reports’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note Requires 2/3rds

Max Holmes:

- This stems from my Talking the Talk presentation last time.
- One idea to get Councillors to have more opportunities to talk was to bring back the Constituency reports.
- An anonymous poll at that meeting said yes to this.
- It's a good way to get people to talk more, get to know each other.
- Sometimes what was said was not the most relevant, but that's fine.
- Governance Committee discussed providing a rubric on what to update on during these reports.

- I don't think the reports will take up too much time.

Alan Ehrenholz:

- I am opposed.
- I don't buy into the notion that they create a greater connection.
- People didn't come to the events we announced.
- It's not a part of our fiduciary duty.
- I don't think they make people feel more comfortable.
- When I gave my report, I'd look up and see people not listening; it did not encourage me to speak.
- Sitting in Council can seem like a drain on your time when you need to do work.
- There is an engagement issue, a lack of listening:
 - What if instead of looking at your laptops you had to have them closed?
- Before extending Council in this way by 30 minutes, I'd encourage us to try something else.

Chris Hakim:

- If at any moment during that long speech you zoned out, you'll zone out during Constituency Reports.

Bradley Balaton:

- Constituency reports do just add time.
- No one listens to them.
- People look at their laptops.

Max Holmes:

- I wish Alan had provided more on alternatives.
- And just because Constituency Reports didn't work in the past doesn't mean we shouldn't try them again.
- We can bring them back, and if they don't work, we can cancel them.

Sally Lin:

- As a past Arts Councillor, I can say Constituency Reports were one of the funnest things.
- It was a chance for Arts Caucus to come together, and it made AMS reps more accountable.

Ella Klein:

- I agree with Max and Sally.
- In Arts meetings we get reports from all the departments.
- It's very useful to know what the other majors are doing.

Wendy Guo:

- I agree with many of the criticisms of Constituency Reports.
- However, I want to say that though I often had ideas I wanted to express, I felt extremely discouraged at times.
- I felt slightly attacked.
- That is an even greater factor stopping people from speaking.

- If all Councillors felt more comfortable speaking up, they'd speak more.

Cameron England:

- I also come from Arts.
- Lots of clubs give reports, but I don't find the event news that interesting.
- Could make Constituency Reports optional.
- They're valuable in terms of Constituency accountability.

Adrian Pang:

- They could be fruitful if there was a rubric.
- Engagement and apathy in Council is an issue.

Kevin Doering:

- I don't agree with having Constituency Reports, but we do need to discuss engagement.
- We're not here to represent Constituencies but the AMS.
- Reports emphasize that the reps represent Constituencies when we should be focusing on AMS issues because we are the directors of the Society.
- It's ironic that this proposal to have us talk more is getting us to talk more.
- What we really need is for Executives to bring forth substantive topics to create discussions.
- But it's exciting to watch people clash over this when there was no clash all year.

Daniel Luo:

- I'd like to see the rubric.

7. MOVED DANIEL LUO, SECONDED ALIM LAKHIYALOV:

"That the motion be referred back to the Governance Committee and return at the first meeting in May."

Daniel Luo:

- I think the idea should be fleshed out more if we want to see something different than in the past.

Max Holmes:

- The Governance Committee has already discussed this.
- We thought we could have the Speaker and President look at it.
- Creating a rubric doesn't have to go through Governance.

8. MOVED KEVIN DOERING:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

9. MOVED DANIEL LUO, SECONDED ALIM LAKHIYALOV:

“That the motion be referred back to the Governance Committee and return at the first meeting in May.”

... Defeated

Back to debate on the main motion:

Pooja Bhatti:

- I tried to be present at Constituency council meetings.
- That is a lot more effective than making reports here.

Alex Preiss:

- I am against this motion.
- It would be repetitive to hear Constituency Reports at every meeting.
- Perhaps we can find an alternative, such as one-time presentations to Council by each Constituency to outline their goals and activities for the year.

Max Holmes:

- As Pooja says, Executives have engaged with Constituencies – that’s one of our jobs – but if the reports are made here, then other Councillors can find out what’s happening across the school.
- If you want Councillors to act with the whole school in mind, then they should get reports from across the school.

Andria Colbourn:

- I feel this would help smaller faculties.
- An opportunity to do updates would be useful.
- It can be overpowering here.
- It would be good to make sure the smaller faculties can make people aware of what’s going on.

Albert Tung:

- It would be nice as a small Constituency to talk about our events, but I have concerns about the rubric.

Pooja Bhatti:

- We’re here every second Wednesday.
- We all usually meet after Council for fun.
- You can join us then; just ask.

Kevin Doering:

- If the aim is to achieve better governance and engagement, this is not the way to do it.
- Written reports would be as good as oral ones.

Jeanie Malone:

- Accountability has been mentioned.
- My understanding is that we made Presidents Council for that.
- Can anyone tell me how effective that’s been?

Antony Wang:

- Presidents Council has been a good place for the Presidents to have a focused discussion.
- There has been productive discussion of issues.
- Better than events updates.

Marium Hamid:

- Is it apathy, engagement, accountability?
- We haven't defined why we need the Constituency Reports.
- There are better ways to do this.
- The new Councilors are coming in soon.
- Let it be the new Council that works on this.

10. MOVED MAX HOLMES, SECONDED SARAH PARK:

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Note Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

Note: Max Holmes in favour

11. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED ADRIAN PANG:

[SCD316-18]

From the Governance Committee

"That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2018: Subcommittees and Working Groups' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note Requires 2/3rds

Chris Hakim

- A simple change, distinguishing subcommittees (longer term) from working groups (short term).

Bradley Balaton

- Was there a difference before?

Chris Hakim:

- Previously we were reviewing a policy that the President's office proposed on subcommittees and working groups.

Sheldon Goldfarb:

- Subcommittees are not in Code now; this puts them in.

12. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED ADRIAN PANG:

From the Governance Committee

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Note Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

13. MOVED ALIM LAKHIYALOV, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:

“That on the recommendation of the Health & Dental Plan Committee, Council approve a 5% increase in the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan fee for September 2018.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Alim Lakhiyalov:

- Every year we review the plan and determine its cost, with the help of our consultants.
- We can increase by up to 5% even if that’s more than inflation, because of the latest referendum on this fee.

Cameron England:

- Can you expand on the reason for the increase? Are we increasing benefits?

Alim Lakhiyalov:

- To keep the same plan we need to raise the fee by 5%.
- We’re not adding or taking away benefits.
- We’re looking at utility rates.

Albert Tung:

- Who determines the premiums? Pacific Blue Cross?

Alim Lakhiyalov:

- Pacific Blue Cross is the insurer. Studentcare is the provider and maintains communications between the students and the insurer.
- TRG is our consultant.
- They calculate the fee increases.

Bradley Balaton:

- This has to go through both the AMS and the GSS Councils.
- The GSS has already passed it.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... No objections

S) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

T) Discussion Period

U) Submissions:

AMS of UBC Submission to the Ministry of AEST re Preventing Sexual Violence	[SCD317-18]
Submission to BC Legislature – AMS/UVSS/SFSS/ABCS	[SCD318-18]
Summary of AMS, UVSS and SFSS Surveys	[SCD319-18]
Protecting the Rights of Student Renters	[SCD320-18]

V) Next Meeting:

April 25, 2018

W) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

X) Social Activity:

March 28, 2018 Attendance

The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. Vancouver – Student Council Attendance

Name	Constituency	Present	Proxy
Mohamed Shaaban	Speaker of Council		
Alan Ehrenholz	President		
Max Holmes	VP Academic	X	
Pooja Bhatti	VP Administration	X	
Sally Lin	VP External Affairs	X	
Alim Lakhiyalov	VP Finance	X	
Marium Hamid (non voting)	Student Services Mgr	X	
Alex Preiss	Architecture	X	
Cameron England	Arts	X	
Tomo Yamaguchi	Arts		Andy Wu
Chris Hakim	Arts	X	
Ella Klein	Arts	X	
Suyesha Dutta	Arts		
	Audiology		
Jeanie Malone (non voting)	BoG	X	
Kevin Doering (non voting)_	BoG	X	
Jacqueline Wu	Commerce	X	
Simran Cheema	Commerce	X	
	Dentistry		
Forest Kong	Economics		Chris Gooding
Albert Tung	Education	X	
Jakob Gattinger	Engineering	X	
Daniel Luo	Engineering	X	
Daniel Lee	Forestry		
	Graduate Studies		
	Graduate Studies		
	Graduate Studies		
Bradley Balaton	Graduate Studies	X	
	Journalism		
Juancho Ramirez	Kinesiology		
Julian Villafuerte Diaz	Land & Food Systems		Andria Colbourn
David Khang	Law		
Joella Allen	Library/Archival	X	
Stephanie Norman	Medicine		
Adrian Pang	Music	X	
Laura Finkler	Nursing	X	
Waged Jafer	Ombudsperson		
Nidah Dara	Planning	X	
Amy Quan	Pharmacy	X	
	Population & Public Health		
	Regent College		
Antony Wang (formerly Antony Tsui)	Science	X	
Lorenzo Lindo	Science	X	
Wendy Guo	Science	X	
Sarah Park (non voting)_	Senate	X	

Jaymi Booth (non voting)_	Senate	X	
	St. Mark's		
	Social Work		
Muse Greenwood	VST	X	